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HOUSE BILL NO. 159

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PHARMACISTS: Adds a fee at license renewal for pharmacists and pharmacies and dedicates proceeds to certain pharmacy education programs

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1184(2)(a) and (3)(a), 1207(A), and 1230(A), relative to fees 3 of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; to establish the pharmacy education support fee 4 to be collected by the board; to provide for assessment of the fee at the time of pharmacist license renewal and pharmacy permit renewal; to provide an option for 5 6 pharmacists and pharmacies to elect not to remit the fee; to dedicate the proceeds of 7 the fee to certain public university pharmacy schools; to provide for disbursement 8 of the proceeds of the fee; and to provide for related matters. 9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 10 Section 1. R.S. 37:1184(2)(a) and (3)(a), 1207(A), and 1230(A) are hereby amended 11 and reenacted to read as follows: 12 §1184. Fees 13 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the fees and costs 14 established by the board in accordance with R.S. 37:1182(A)(19) shall not be less 15 than the following schedule: 16 Minimum 17 18 (2) Licenses, permits, certification, registrations, 19 and examinations for pharmacists 20 (a)(i) Annual renewal fee for license \$100.00

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1	(ii) Pharmacy education support fee \$100.00
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3	(3) Licenses, permits, certification, registration, and
4	any other designations for pharmacy locations
5	(a)(i) New pharmacy permit fee \$150.00
6	(ii) Pharmacy education support fee \$100.00
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8	§1207. Renewal of license, registration, and certification; expiration; reinstatement
9	A.(1) Each person licensed, registered, or certified by the board shall apply
10	for renewal annually at a time designated by the board and pay a fee specified by the
11	board. A person who desires to continue in the practice of pharmacy or assist in the
12	practice of pharmacy in this state shall file with the board an application in such form
13	and containing such data as the board may require, and complete such other
14	requirements as deemed necessary by the board, for renewal.
15	(2)(a)(i) The board shall assess on each annual pharmacist license renewal
16	as required by this Section an additional fee of one hundred dollars to be designated
17	as the "pharmacy education support fee". This fee shall be dedicated and allocated
18	as specified in this Paragraph to an accredited school of pharmacy of a public
19	university in this state. The board shall include on each license renewal form issued
20	to a pharmacist an optional election whereby the person may elect not to remit the
21	one hundred dollar pharmacy education support fee.
22	(ii) For purposes of this Paragraph, "accredited" shall mean possession of
23	current accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.
24	(b) The board shall disburse all monies collected pursuant to this Paragraph
25	to an accredited public university pharmacy school on or before April first annually.
26	The public university pharmacy school shall utilize these monies solely for the
27	benefit of its pharmacy education program and the expenditure of such funds shall
28	be approved by the board of supervisors of the university system of which the
29	university is a member. The funds collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be in

1	addition to any other monies received by the university that operates the pharmacy
2	school and are intended to supplement and not replace, displace, or supplant any
3	other funds that the university receives from the state or from any other source.
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5	§1230. Renewal of permits; expiration; reinstatement
6	A.(1) Each pharmacy issued a permit by the board shall apply for renewal
7	annually, at the time designated by the board and pay a fee specified by the board.
8	(2)(a)(i) The board shall assess on each annual pharmacy permit renewal
9	required by this Section an additional fee of one hundred dollars per year to be
10	designated as the "pharmacy education support fee". This fee shall be dedicated and
11	allocated as specified in this Paragraph to an accredited school of pharmacy of a
12	public university in this state. The board shall include on each permit renewal form
13	issued to a pharmacy an optional election whereby the pharmacy may elect not to
14	remit the one hundred dollar pharmacy education support fee.
15	(ii) For purposes of this Paragraph, "accredited" shall mean possession of
16	current accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.
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18	to an accredited public university pharmacy school on or before April first annually.
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22	university is a member. The funds collected pursuant to this Paragraph shall be in
23	addition to any other monies received by the university that operates the pharmacy
24	school and are intended to supplement and not replace, displace, or supplant any
25	other funds that the university receives from the state or from any other source.
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## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Adds an optional \$100 pharmacy education support fee at license renewal for pharmacists and pharmacies and dedicates proceeds of the fee to an accredited public university pharmacy school.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that, in addition to any other fee authorized by <u>present law</u>, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy (board) shall assess a fee of \$100 on annual renewals of pharmacist licenses and pharmacy permits. Provides that the additional \$100 fee be designated as the "pharmacy education support fee". Requires the board to include on each license or permit renewal form issued to a pharmacist or pharmacy an optional election whereby the person or pharmacy may elect not to remit this additional fee.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that all proceeds of the fee shall be dedicated and allocated to an accredited school of pharmacy of a public university in this state. Requires the board to disburse all monies collected pursuant to <u>proposed law</u> to the public university pharmacy school on or before April 1 annually.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that the university receiving the proceeds of the fee utilize the monies solely for the benefit of its pharmacy education program. Provides that the expenditure of such funds shall be approved by the board of supervisors of the university system of which the university is a member.

<u>Proposed law</u> stipulates that the funds collected pursuant to <u>proposed law</u> shall be in addition to any other monies received by the university that operates the pharmacy school; and that such funds are intended to supplement and not replace, displace, or supplant any other funds that the university receives from the state or from any other source.

(Amends R.S. 37:1184(2)(a) and (3)(a), 1207(A), and 1230(A))